

### **REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is accompanied by a copy of the published PCT application as well as the published PCT application with amended claims and statement. It is believed that no new matter has been introduced by way of the preliminary amendment herein above.

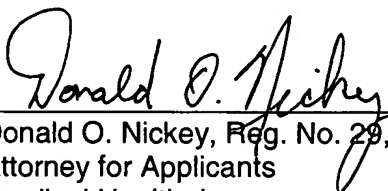
Applicants request that the Examiner base the examination of this application upon the amended claims filed under Article 19(1) Rule 46.4.

### **Conclusion:**

In light of the above preliminary amendments and accompanying remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, and prompt notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss the application on the merits if it is believed that such discussion would expedite the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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